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#### CSC SUGAR TO OPEN NEW MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN TIPTON COUNTY

Commodity Specialists Company to Invest \$4 Million, Create 50 New Jobs

**NASHVILLE**—Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Hagerty along with CSC Sugar, LLC officials announced today the company will open a new manufacturing facility in Tipton County. CSC Sugar will invest \$4 million to begin operations at 4000 Hwy. 51 North in Covington, Tennessee and create 50 new jobs.

"When companies choose to make new investments in our state, it sends a strong message about Tennessee's ideal business climate," Hagerty said. "Tennessee's exceptional infrastructure offers companies like CSC Sugar unparalleled access to most major U.S. markets, allowing them to maximize efficiency and continue on a positive growth trajectory. I want to welcome CSC Sugar to Tennessee, and I appreciate the jobs they are creating in Tipton County."

"We are very excited about the opening of our plant in Covington, Tennessee. Covington's proximity to key food and beverage customers was a key factor in our location selection," Paul Farmer, President & CEO, CSC Sugar, LLC, said. "Additionally, the area's transportation resources provide us with increased flexibility enabling us to more effectively deal with the changing dynamics of our industry. We'd like to thank the state and community for its support as we begin our legacy in Covington."

Since its inception in 1994, CSC Sugar has been a significant supplier to raw sugar refineries in the United States, as well as one of the largest importers and exporters of refined sugar to and from North America.

CSC Sugar will be processing sugar at their new Covington facility—the company's first in Tennessee—to expand its customer base and better serve existing customers through an improved demographic presence. The company already has a substantial customer base in West Tennessee, including Unilever, which is in the process of expanding and will become the world's largest ice cream manufacturer.

"Tipton County is pleased to be a part of the official announcement of CSC Sugar



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and the beginning of their food processing operations at Rialto Industrial Park in Covington," Tipton County Executive Jeff Huffman said. "CSC Sugar is another example of the ongoing positive economic developments occurring in Tipton County and the entire region."

"I take great pleasure in joining with the citizens of Covington on the announcement of the new jobs and added capital investment being brought to our community by CSC Sugar," Covington Mayor David Gordon said. "The project is another example of the growing number of companies choosing our great city due to its productive workforce and the spirit of our citizens."

"TVA and Covington Electric System congratulates CSC Sugar on its decision to locate operations in Covington and bring quality jobs to the Tipton County area," John Bradley, TVA senior vice president of Economic Development, said. "Working together with economic development partners like the state of Tennessee, HTL Advantage and many other local community leaders, enables our team to help recruit and retain jobs in communities."

As a result of the CSC Sugar plant opening in Covington, a third party company, Larry Bowman Trucking, will also be creating additional jobs in Tennessee to accommodate CSC Sugar's transportation needs. Since their move to Ripley from Joplin, Missouri, Larry Bowman Trucking has hired six drivers and additional maintenance and administrative staff positions. Their goal is to eventually hire 25 drivers.

People interested in applying for one of the jobs at CSC Sugar should contact <u>Hamilton Ryker</u>, an employment agency in Covington. The company plans to be fully operational at the end of June.

### About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

Tennessee was named "2013 State of the Year" for economic development by *Business Facilities* magazine. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's mission is to develop strategies which help make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs. The department seeks to attract new corporate investment in Tennessee and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth. Find us on the web: <a href="mailto:tn.gov/ecd">tn.gov/ecd</a>. Follow us on Twitter: <a href="mailto:totalcolor: the totalcolor: the to

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